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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

References AA and AB on PTO Form 1449:

These references are discussed in the specification.

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	AO	57-207697	12/20/82	JAPAN (with English Abstract)	YES	NO	X
	AP	57-78492	05/17/82	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
	AQ	63-165490	07/08/88	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
	AR	7-278581	10/24/95	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
	AS	5-138197	06/01/93	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
	AT	60-262891	12/26/85	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
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